RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether they have received any representation on the matter from the Inspector of Ayurveda?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I claim notice, Sir.

Appointment of Kaniyars as Compounders.

128. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Darbar Physician or the Public Service Commissioner has received any application for appointment as compounders from members of the Kaniyar community; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken in the matter?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The claims of the applicants were duly considered in the selective test and one of them was appointed as an acting Compounder.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether any selection examination was conducted with regard to the recruitment of compounders?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: Well, the Public Service Commissioner made some selection. But there was no examination conducted.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, my question is whether there was any selective test conducted after the Public Service Commissioner's Office was instituted?

MR. JAMES SIMSPON: I claim notice.

Supply of Electrical Power.

129. ***MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the rate per unit for the supply of electrical power for domestic consumption in Trivandrum;

(*b*) the rate per unit for industrial purposes in Trivandrum; and

(*c*) the rates per unit obtained in Tinnevelly and Ernakulam?

MR. K. P. P. MENON: (*a*) Annas five per unit.

(*b*) (1) Less than 6,000 units per annum—annas three per unit with option to pay a minimum charge of Rs. 46-14-0 per month when the monthly consumption does not exceed 500 units.

(2) Above 6,000 units up to 100,000 units per annum—a rate of one and a half annas per unit.

(3) From 100,000 units to 200,000 units—a rate of $1\frac{1}{4}$ annas per unit without any special restriction to the hours of use.

(4) Above 200,000 units per annum including up to 5 per cent for lighting—1 anna per unit.

(*c*) The information is not available.

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MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: May I know from Government whether there is any recent prospect of reduction in the rate per unit in Trivandrum?

MR. K. P. P. MENON: A reduction in the rates for power has been made from the first of July.

Special staff for Cholera duty.

130. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle followed by the Darbar Physician in the matter of appointing special staff for cholera duty;

(*b*) whether such men were specifically told that such appointment will not entitle them for any preference over others who were above them in the list of applicants for appointment as medical officers; and

(*c*) whether any change has been effected in the list with regard to the priority of claim for appointment on account of service in connection with cholera special duty?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) It is not always practicable to follow any set principle in the matter of emergent recruitment of medical officers for the prevention and treatment of epidemics, such as plague or cholera, except that the readily available candidate will be appointed.

(*b*) No; but it was stated in every order of appointment that that appointment did not guarantee any preference for future permanent appointments in the department.

(*c*) In view of answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), this question does not arise.

Dispensing with the services of a Lady Medical Graduate.

131. *MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there has been any instance of dispensing with the services of any lady medical graduate:

(*b*) if so, the name of the lady doctor; and

(*c*) whether any other was appointed in the vacancy so caused, if so, who and the reason therefor?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these do not arise.

The Darbar Physician.

132. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the medical qualifications possessed by the Darbar Physician; and

(*b*) what administrative experience he had before he was appointed as Darbar Physician?

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